

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims, as indicated below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~machine tool program unauthorized use preventing device~~ installed in a machine tool for preventing unauthorized use of optional operation programs in the machine tool, comprising:
  - a storage section ~~for storing various~~ configured to store the optional operation programs ~~machine tool programs in a machine tool;~~
  - a display section ~~for displaying~~ configured to display a first program-selection image and a second program-selection image, separately from each other, for a desired one of said operation programs ~~being allowed~~ to be selected on the respective first and second program-selection images; and
  - a processing section ~~for processing to~~ configured to receive a device-inherent password or a machine-tool inherent password,  
read out, when a device-inherent receiving the device-inherent password inherent to the machine tool program  
unauthorized use preventing device and set by a  
manufacturer of the machine tool program unauthorized use  
preventing device is input, said desired operation program selected on said first program-selection image from said

storage section and bring said desired operation program  
into a usable state, and while to  
read out, when [[a]] receiving the machine-tool inherent password  
~~different from said device inherent password, inherent to the~~  
~~machine tool, into which the machine tool program~~  
~~unauthorized use preventing device is installed, and set by a~~  
~~manufacturer of the machine tool, is input,~~ said desired  
operation program selected on said second  
program-selection image from said storage section and bring  
said desired operation program into a usable state,  
wherein the device-inherent password is set by a manufacturer of the  
device; and  
the machine-tool inherent password is set by a manufacturer of the  
machine tool, and is different from the device-inherent password.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~A machine tool program unauthorized use preventing~~ The  
device according to claim 1,

wherein said storage section includes a program storage area for storing  
said ~~various~~ optional operation programs and an image storage  
area for storing said first and second program-selection images;  
and

wherein said processing section processes to

read out, when said ~~device inherent~~ device-inherent password is input, said first program-selection image from said image storage area and make said display section display said first program-selection image, ~~while to~~ and  
read out, when said machine-tool inherent password is input, said second program-selection image from said image storage area and make said display section display said second program-selection image.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~A machine-tool program unauthorized-use preventing~~ The device according to claim 1, wherein said processing section processes to bring, when selection of said operation program is performed respectively on said first and second program-selection images, only said desired operation program selected on said second program-selection image into a usable state.
4. (Currently Amended) ~~A machine-tool program unauthorized-use preventing~~ The device according to claim 1, further comprising an interface section connectable to an external storage unit storing specific data; wherein said processing section processes, through said interface section, to identify a validity of said specific data stored in said external storage unit and bring, only when said specific data are judged to be valid, said desired operation program selected on said second program-selection image into a usable state.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~A machine tool program unauthorized use preventing~~ The device according to claim 1, further comprising an interface section connectable to an external computer in turn connectable to an external storage unit storing specific data; wherein said processing section processes to bring, only when said external computer judges said specific data stored in said external storage unit to be valid, said desired operation program selected on said second program-selection image into a usable state.
6. (Currently Amended) ~~A machine tool program unauthorized use preventing~~ The device according to claim 1, wherein said first and second program-selection images have an image configuration identical to each other.
7. (Currently Amended) ~~A machine tool program unauthorized use preventing~~ The device according to claim 1, configured to be incorporated into a numerical control device.
8. (Currently Amended) ~~A machine tool program unauthorized use preventing~~ The device according to claim 1, wherein each of said first and said second program-selection images displays a list of program names of said ~~various~~ optional machine tool operation programs.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~A machine tool program unauthorized use preventing~~ The device according to claim 1, wherein said second program-selection image is prepared by the manufacturer of the machine tool.